Subject No. 380.

Channapatna Water-supply.

Summary of discussion.—Channapatna has 10,000 inhabitants and is dependent on Kudinirkatte tank for drinking water. This tank needs the following works:—

(1) Bund and waste weir should be raised;

(2) The breaches in the feeder channels should be mended;

(3) A silt dam should be built; and

(4) A dam should be thrown to divert the town sewage and the drainage of Muhammadan burial grounds.

Dewan's reply.—Under consideration. A water-supply project for Channapatna is attended with great difficulty.

Subject No. 381.

Extra Police required for Channaptna.

Summary of discussion.—The town Police force is insufficient. The Government is aware of the riots and disturbances now and then occurring there. The Taluk Cutcherry and the Police station are located in the Fort, while the traders and the people inhabit the Petta. Twelve Silledars and one Police Dafadar with twelve Constables should be located in the Petta. Nothing has been done with reference to the representation made last year.

Dewan's reply.—This will be referred to the Deputy Commissioner. A punitive Police at the cost of the local community will become necessary, unless the inhabitants live more peacefully.

Subject No. 382.

Government timber Depot required at Channapatna.

Summary of discussion.—Channapatna is a large town. People find it difficult to get timber and bamboos. The Forest Department should establish a Depôt.

Dewan's reply.—A Depôt has been recently sanctioned.

Subject No. 383.

Girls' School at Channapatna.

Summary of discussion.—As desired last year, the Girls' school established at Channapatna in the name of Her Highness the 1st Princess Jaya Lakshmammanni Avaru should be taken under Government management. In reply to a query, the speaker stated that the school had no private endowments of its own.

Dewan's reply.—A grant-in-aid will be given.

Subject No. 384.

Temporary feeding of students at the Government Chattram, Channapatna.

Summary of discussion.—Pupils from various places attend the Lower Secondary Examination held every year in the High School at Channapatna. Permission should be accorded to their being fed twice a day for five days at the Government Chattram here.

Dewan's reply.—Inexpedient.

Subject No. 385.

Provision of sluices to Tanks which have no sluices.

Summary of discussion.—There are some tanks which have no sluices. These should be fitted with irrigation sluices, or the lands below assessed at dry crop rates.

Dewan's reply.—Impracticable. Such exist in the Malnad. The rate of assessment is very low on rain irrigated land.

Subject No. 386.

Language of Amildar Magistrates' Records.

Summary of discussion.—The record of trials in Amildar Magistrates' Courts should be in Kanarese and not in English as they often are.

Dewan's reply.—(After consulting the Deputy Commissioner and the Chief Judge.) The depositions are in Kanarese.

If the Judgments be written in English, Kanarese translations should be appended and furnished when required. An order will be given on this subject.

Subject No. 387.

Inamdars' Toddy Revenue.

Summary of discussion.—It was promised that the produce of date trees in Inam villages would be sold by Government and the proceeds paid to the Inamdars. But the revenue of the last two or three years has not yet been paid. The amount due to the Inamdars should be kept separate in the accounts and paid to them in Taluk Treasuries.

Dewan's reply.—(After discussing the points involved in the settlement of Inamdars' dues with the Excise Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners present.) We will expedite settlement.

Subject No. 388.

Management of Inamdars' Toddy Rights.

Summary of discussion.—The toddy sales in respect of Inam villages are, sometimes, conducted in an unsatisfactory manner. The right to draw toddy is given to one person and the right to sell toddy is given to another person without assigning a shop to the former, or a grove to the latter. This has occurred also in respect of some Sarkar groves and shops. The inconvenience resulting thereby is enhanced, when the toddy drawn in an Inam grove is ordered, as is done in some instances, to be taken for sale to a shop at a considerable distance from the village. This state of things often prejudices the Inamdar's Revenue. There should be two shops attached to a Hobli, and the groves from which each should procure its supply should be distinctly defined, or, the right to sell should be given to the same person who obtains the right to draw, or better still, the Inamdar should be allowed to sell the toddy drawn in his village to any Government shop-keeper.

Note.—The Dewan enquired whether, as a matter of fact, there were cases of groves being sold without shops attached to them; and it appeared that this was seldom or never the case. The Deputy Commissioner stated that, if at all, such cases were very rare indeed, and that they were cases in which it was found difficult to allot a shop for a grove in the same Taluk.

Dewan's reply.—We will consider this subject in committee and decide early. The rule should be to sell to the nearest shop-keeper, though in another Taluk or in another District. If it has to be taken long distances, a door will be opened for fraud in transport, &c. The Rule will be worded accordingly.

Subject No. 389.

Auction sale of house sites.

Summary of discussion.—In villages, the raiyats used to be given house sites free. This system has been abolished and sales are ordered. The result is that, competition in auction sale prevents new settlers from getting ground to build upon. Amildars should be authorized to give, as per mamul, house sites free or at a valuation.

Dewan's reply.—Gift is not generally necessary in such cases.